



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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GOVERNOR

July 9, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

Re: Senate Bill No. 1804 SD2 HD2 CD1

On July 8, 2008, Senate Bill No. 1804, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Trauma System Special Fund" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purpose of this bill is to increase available revenues in the Trauma System Special Fund by establishing additional surcharges for traffic violations.

I am concerned that this bill creates additional surcharges that will increase costs on the driving public. These surcharges cover a wide variety of traffic violations and range between \$10 and \$500. Although discretionary, I believe some of these charges are excessive, given the existing penalties in law.

However, everyone has a vested interest in improving trauma care in our state. All residents deserve access to high-quality, specialized care should they find themselves critically injured in a motor vehicle accident or other emergency situation. Providing such high-quality care is expensive, especially on our neighbor islands, and this bill is one way to help improve the structure of our current trauma care system.

For the foregoing reasons, I allowed Senate Bill No. 1804 to become law as Act 231, effective July 8, 2008, without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Lingle", written over a horizontal line.

LINDA LINGLE